

out of an *obviously* living body: warm, pink, breathing, pulsating. The parents are never told that the actual cause of death was the organ harvesting. It's all justified by "brain death."

**Brain Death.** Brain death is not death; it's a fiction dreamed up in the 1960's. But, it's widely accepted, even in Catholic circles, exactly because it justifies problematic organ donation, in the mind of the general public. *If the guy is 'dead' already, what's the harm in taking his organs?* By "brain death" they mean there's no discernible "sign of activity" in the brain stem. So? This might also be true of the average high school kid in World Religion class. Many people, declared irreversibly brain dead, have regained full consciousness. This fact proves the medical establishment is disingenuous when they jump from "no sign of activity" to "death."

**Genuine Death.** A body is known to be alive when we can detect a vital sign. Vital signs are exactly that: signs. We have no direct life-o-meter. If there are vital signs, there is life. Since our knowledge is imperfect, the absence of a sign doesn't mean the absence of life. That's is why we

look for many signs and not just one. We used to err on the side of life, now we err on the side of death.

**The Eternal Soul.** Death is the separation of body and soul. The soul is the principle of life of the body. If there are any real signs of life, then the soul is *known* to be present. In the absence of any signs, the soul is *presumed* to have departed by the passing of one hour. Since it can be dehumanizing to see a loved one plugged into a bunch of machines, some conclude the soul must be gone already. This is false. The life of a body can be sustained by the aid of a machine: it is genuine life nonetheless. Therefore, when organs are harvested the soul is still present, in every case!

Some organ donation is heroically generous. Do not, however, sign your Driver's License program. No one has a right to your organs. You have a duty to protect yourself from the ravenous medical establishment which compromises its respect for you as a patient, by its desire for you as a donor.

- God love you.  
Fr. R. Novokowsky, FSSP

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*“ Great is the Lord,  
and exceedingly to  
be praised...”*

(Ps. 47:2)



July 19, 2015

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**Holy Mass Schedule**

Sunday	8:30 am (Low)
	11 am (High)
Monday	9 am
Tuesday	9 am
Wednesday	7 am & 6 pm
Thursday	7 am & 9 am
Friday	7 am & 6 pm
Saturday	7 am & 9 am

- ◆ **Sacramental Emergencies: 396-5665**
- ◆ When one priest is travelling, the earlier weekday Mass is cancelled
- ◆ **Confession: ½ hr before all Masses**  
**Saturdays - 10:00 to 11:00 am**
- ◆ Novena & Benediction Wednesday evening
- ◆ **Holy Days:** look for announcement
- ◆ **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament: First Fridays from 8 am until 5 pm
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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS	
Sunday July 19	<b>8th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)</b> 8:30 am Pro Populo 11:00 am David Palm
Monday July 20	<b>St. Jerome Emiliani (3rd Cl.)</b> 9:00 am James Beck+
Tuesday July 21	<b>St. Laurence of Brindisi (3rd Cl.)</b> 9:00 am Andria Morris
Wednesday July 22	<b>St. Mary Magdalene (3rd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Terry Stacy+ 6:00 pm Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
Thursday July 23	<b>St. Apollinaris (3rd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Joseph Anstett+ 9:00 am Sandra Bouchard+
Friday July 24	<b>Feria (4th Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Charles McChesney+ 6:00 pm Calvine Kanga
Saturday July 25	<b>St. James the Greater (2nd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Trevor Nacey 9:00 am Walter & Maria Magnelli+
Sunday July 26	<b>9th Sunday after Pentecost (2nd Cl.)</b> 8:30 am Sanctafamilia Family 11:00 am Pro Populo
Monday July 27	<b>Feria (4th Cl.)</b> 9:00 am David Leonard
Tuesday July 28	<b>SS. Nazarius, Celsus, Victor I, Innocent I (3rd Cl.)</b> 9:00 am Pearl Nacey
Wednesday July 29	<b>St. Martha (3rd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Barry Simonpietri 6:00 pm Terry Stacy+
Thursday July 30	<b>Feria (4th Cl.)</b> 7:00 am E. L. Many+ 9:00 am Linda Anderson
Friday July 31	<b>St. Ignatius Loyola (3rd Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Judith Selby 6:00 pm Jane Schafer+
Saturday August 1	<b>Saturday of Our Lady (4th Cl.)</b> 7:00 am Persecuted Christians 9:00 am Joyce Sherman+

**PRAYER LIST**

Sherry & Ron Crawford, Bobby Overman, Jimmy & Theresa Trexler, Jules Trexler, Jim Grumblatt, Dick and Nan Wray, Missy D'Aconti, Mark Davison, Sheila, Dave, Matthew & Rachel Smith, Fr. Adrian Harmening, Mike McHugh, Jack Howe, Dawn Celentano, Abigail Maria Alvey, John Dickson, Alan Craig, Richard Liberatore, Mary Zacharias, Casey Stalvey, Suki & Beau Simpson, Maryann McLaughlin, John Osborne, Ann Horgan, James Eliasek IV, Bernice Nestor, Karen Haley, Thomas Benedict Noble

*In your charity, please remember all the souls of the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.*

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS**

Envelopes are located outside the parish office door in the Social Room. Masses are generally offered in the order received. A Mass stipend is a gift for the celebrating priest and forms part of your participation in the sacrifice. The Diocese of Richmond suggests a stipend of \$10.00 per Mass. While a stipend is *not* a donation, for our convenience, please make checks payable to *St. Joseph's*.

**Fr. Novokowsky Away**

Fr. Novokowsky will be away thru July 30th.

**Offertory Collections**

Sunday July 12, 2015  
1st Collection (Operations): \$ 5,055  
Avg. Weekly Operating Need: \$ 7,114  
**Avg. Weekly Year to Date: \$ 6,432**  
2nd Collection (Building Fund): \$ 644

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Upcoming Events**

**August 1** First Saturday Devotions  
**August 2** First Sunday with 3 Masses scheduled  
8:30am Low; 11:00am High; 4:30pm Low  
**August 7** First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between 7am & 6pm Masses

**Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!**

We are glad you came—we are eager to share the treasures of God with you. Please do not hesitate to ask if you need assistance. If the Traditional Latin Mass is unfamiliar to you, we have green booklets (in the vestibule) which have a simple format, and are easy to use. To register as a parishioner, please see the green and white forms in the Social Room. Please visit our website at [www.stjosephrichmond.org](http://www.stjosephrichmond.org). If you register on the site, you will receive an e-bulletin and important notices from the office.

**Don't forget the Unborn**

Join fellow pro-life Catholics each first and third Saturday 9:00am to 10:00am to pray the Rosary at the abortion mill at Boulevard and Grove in Richmond. This is an important witness to the sanctity of human life and can often convince a mother to preserve the life of her child. Those parishioners who have been there can attest to the efficaciousness of their prayer. For additional information, please call Patrick Latimer at 804-262-7628.

**Saint of the Week**

*St. Jerome Emiliani* \* "Place your trust in God and in no one else...grow continually in your confidence in Him and not in others."

**Dear Parishioners,**

Human Organ Donation appears to be a positive development in the medical field. It's helping others, right? Indeed, some organ donation is very good: but other types are evil, not because of the donors or recipients, but because of the industry itself. This important distinction is not taught even by Catholic medical organizations. However, the truth is clear.

**Good Organ Donation.** Generally, these are the donation of one of a pair of organs which can be donated by a living donor, who remains living after the donation. A kidney, a lung, a lobe of the liver, etc. These are generous gifts, genuine charity, and a commendable practice.

**Problematic Organ Donation.** This kind is encouraged by the Driver's License program or some such. The medical establishment wants all your organs, paired, and non-paired alike, e.g. the heart, both lungs, both kidneys, etc. You die in the process of donating. The medical profession downplays the obvious conflict-of-interest they have between potential donors and recipients. Follow the money. *[N.B. Please do not read any further if this is a sensitive subject with you.]*

**I've seen it:** a teenager lay motionless in the trauma unit. With the parents still in shock, the doctors drone the following: "Unfortunately, there's nothing more we can do, the 'brain death' is irreversible. But, if you'll kindly sign this form, your son can give the gift of life to others! Say your goodbyes now, and we'll show you out to the counselor's office." The parents are ushered out, too foggy-headed to realize they've been subject to high-pressure sales tactics. Nor do they notice the creepy delivery men standing in the corner, coolers in hand. Next, while the machines maintain bodily functions, the doctors "harvest" the desired organs. Since the organs start to die *seconds* after the heart and lung functions cease, they must cut the organs

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Indicates a change to the normal Mass schedule